
Welcome to the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) eNewsletter.
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CMQCC Who we are

<http://www.cmqcc.org/about>

CMQCC is a multi-stakeholder organization of physicians, nurses, midwives, administrators, payers, and public health leaders devoted to eliminating preventable maternal death and injury and promoting equitable maternity care in California by bringing resources, tools, measures, and quality improvement techniques to providers, administrators, and public health leaders. CMQCC was formed in July 2006 by the [California Department of Public Health \(CADPH\), Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Division \(MCAH\)](#), and the [California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative \(CPQCC\)](#).

NEW!

Just Released: 2005-2006 Maternal Mortality Rates in California

http://www.cmqcc.org/maternal_mortality

NEW!

CMQCC's Obstetric Hemorrhage Task Force (HTF) Announces

[Release 1.1 of the OB Hemorrhage Toolkit](#)

http://cmqcc.org/ob_hemorrhage/newly_released_ob_hemorrhage_protocol_tools

The toolkit outlines best practice guidelines for responding to potentially life-threatening maternal hemorrhage.

The **OB Hemorrhage Toolkit** (Release 1.1) contains three summary documents:

The first, the **OB Hemorrhage Protocol Checklist**, is a detailed, step-by-step guide for the clinical team to use during the process of care for obstetrical hemorrhage.

The next two tools summarize the care guidelines outlined in the Checklist and are meant to serve as teaching and memory aids on our units. We chose to develop both a table and a flowchart display option and allow each unit to identify the one that serves them best. To print these charts to your specifications (e.g. wall poster) at your local FedEx Kinko's at a discount, contact Valerie Cape for the discount code: cape@cmqcc.org.

- **[OB Hemorrhage Protocol Flowchart](#)**
- **[OB Hemorrhage Protocol Table Chart](#)**

HTF Best Practice articles are also included in this release. These documents cover a wide range of topics around obstetric hemorrhage and provide literature reviews and evidence grades to support the CMQCC HTF guidelines. Coming soon is an **OB Hemorrhage Toolkit Implementation Guideline** for establishing or improving effective obstetric hemorrhage *readiness, recognition, response, and reporting* in your facility.

This [OB Hemorrhage Toolkit](#) is the first to be released in the Transforming Maternity Care Series. CMQCC's editorial process is extensive and includes peer review and consensus among obstetric clinical specialists from around the state. Readers are advised to adapt the toolkit based on the local facilities' levels of care and patient populations and not to rely solely on guidelines presented here. We recommend adjusting clinical, diagnostic, therapeutic, or drug dosage choices or actions accordingly. These guidelines do not represent a legal standard of care for California.

We value your feedback; please send comments to: <mailto:OBHemorrhage@cmqcc.org>

Recommended Web Browsers: MAC Users: Mozilla Firefox 5.0, Apple Safari v5.1.2; PC Users: Internet Explorer v6.0 and beyond.

CMQCC Website Resources

<http://www.cmqcc.org/resources>

Among the many reasons to visit the CMQCC website is our section on resources. Here you will find citations and abstracts of many journal articles related to maternal mortality and morbidity as well as quality improvement efforts in obstetric care. We have also provided links to many documents to support quality improvement efforts that can be downloaded. One recent resource added is the [CDC H1N1 "Swine" Influenza Interim Guidelines for Pregnant Women](#).

Contact Us!

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If you are not a CMQCC member and you are working to improve maternity care, please contact us and we will include you in this collaborative effort!